Reduction in staff strength of MTNL

3821. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the staff strength of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, shortly;

(b) the present staff strength of MTNL;

(c) the percentage of staff to be reduced under the proposed reduction; and

(d) by when this is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) The staff strength of MTNL as on 31.12.2001 was 59021 personnel.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Foreign capital investment in Communications and Information Technology Industry

†3822. SHRI KAPIL SIBBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign capital has been invested in the country's Coimunications and Information Technology Industries;

(b) if so, the foreign capital invested separately in said industries by the end of March 2002; and

(c) the capital invested in establishing telephone systems and

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computer education systems in the rural areas of the country out of the said foreign capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Foreign capital received under Telecommunications and Information Technology till 31st March 2002 arc Rs. 8.591.76 crores and Rs. 659.11 crores respectively.

(c) The detail of capital invested in establishing telephone systems and computer education systems in the rural areas of the country out of the above foreign capital is not maintained.

IT Industrial units in USA

t3823. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of industrial units under Indian Information Technology Industry arc functioning in USA;

(b) if so, the number of such industrial units functioning there during the financial year 2001-2002;

(c) whether it is also a fact that twenty percent of the salary of their employees is paid there as social security tax by these units; and

(d) if so, the average amount deposited annually in the form of tax there?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) No statistical data on overseas operations of Indian companies is maintained by the Ministry.

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